



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Dennis Intermediate

Lee

Grades: 4-5

Enrollment: 184

Principal: Kwamine Simpson

Superintendent: Dr. Cleo Richardson

Board Chair: Sanya Moses

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	At-Risk	At-Risk	TBD	Not Met	R
2007	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	RP
2006	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CA

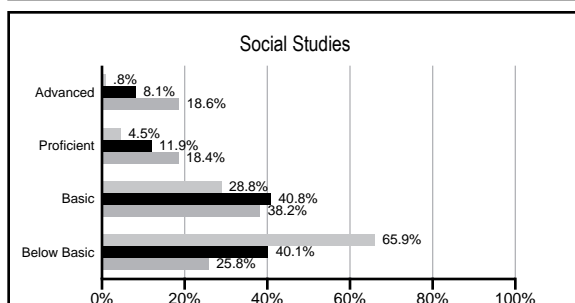
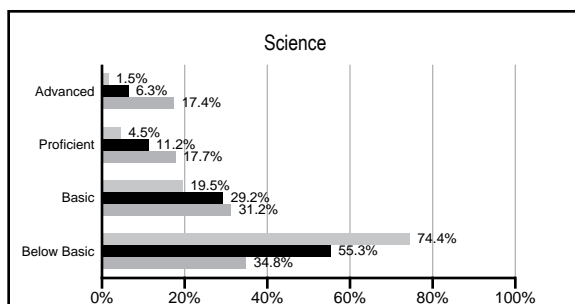
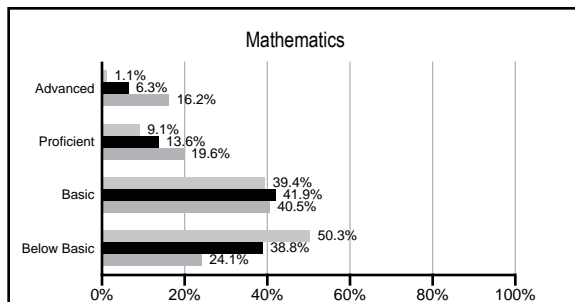
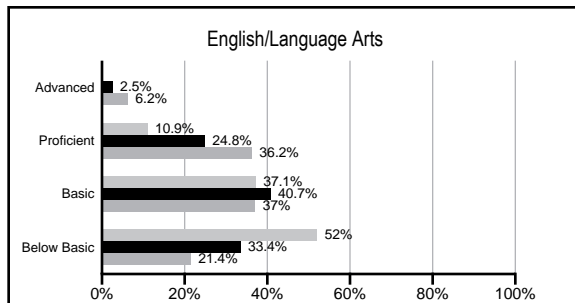
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	4	6	49	61

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

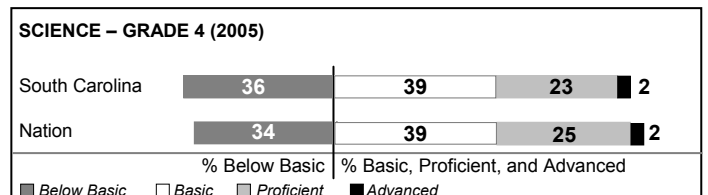
## PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

### Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined  
NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=184)				
Retention rate	4.2%	Up from 2.0%	3.1%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 96.0%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	1.6%	Up from 0.5%	2.9%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	14.6%	Down from 16.6%	7.6%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=16)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	37.5%	Up from 33.3%	53.6%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	75.0%	Down from 80.0%	68.8%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	15.4%	Down from 23.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	77.6%	Up from 65.1%	82.6%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	92.8%	Down from 96.8%	94.9%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$41,004	Up 6.8%	\$43,799	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.7%	Up from 0.0%	1.2%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.6 to 1	Down from 18.4 to 1	16.4 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.8%	Down from 92.1%	89.3%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,446	Down 6.4%	\$8,235	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	60.2%	Down from 63.6%	68.4%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	47.8%	Down from 54.6%	60.6%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	53.8%		69.2%	85.7%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	15	80	52
Percent satisfied with learning environment	86.7%	85.3%	66.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	66.7%	72.4%	71.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	53.3%	91.0%	72.5%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Dennis Intermediate School, a Title 1 School, is the only Intermediate School in Lee County.

Dennis Intermediate School is in the second year of change. The grade configuration was 4-6 and is currently 4-5 and now serves 187 students. We are housed in the same building as Dennis Middle School that serves approximately 425 students in grades 6-8.

Dennis Intermediate School is the recipient of the 21st Century Grant. The grant provides funding for an afterschool program with a focus on Math, Science, English-Language Arts, and Technology. Other programs to enhance student achievement include a Tutorial Computer Lab, Small Group Instruction, and an additional afterschool tutorial program with a focus on Science and Social Studies. We have also increased the use of manipulatives to reinforce critical thinking skills in all content areas. Our students have opportunities to explore the world of science through the use of FOSS Science Kits.

We have also implemented a Character Education Program to help build self-esteem and reward students for positive behavior. Students are rewarded for academic achievement and other accomplishments through our monthly awards program with participation from our parents and the community.

Our school district recently purchased a newly adopted curriculum guide developed by Anderson Five School District. Our teachers meet weekly to plan successful teaching strategies and to brainstorm new ideas and interventions that will assist our students in being successful.

Because of the improvement rating on our school report card, we were required to implement a Focused School Renewal Plan. Through this plan we have an increased focus on instruction in all academic areas.

We continue to foster community relations and parental involvement through our Parenting Coordinator, PTO, School Improvement Council, and News Letters. Some initiatives include Doughnuts for Dads, Muffins for Moms, Students' Awards Day, Night of Family Learning, and PACT Night.

We continue to strive for excellence and communicate our vision and values as we prepare our students to be successful at the next level.

At Dennis Intermediate, "WE ARE TEACHING TO REACH EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY."

Robert Ervin, Principal  
Derrick Hilliard, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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